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DEMOCRATS IN SESSION.

County Convention at York Void of Factionalism.

The factional feeling of other years that sometimes cropped out in York County Democratic conventions and resulted in this or that action being taken which was displeasing alike to delegates and their friends and afterwards had its effect on the fortunes of candidates in the primary was entirely lacking at the county convention in York Monday morning. There was an air about the convention which led to the impression that all of the 120-odd delegates were bent upon the same mission—the expeditious transaction of the business which had brought them together and the desire to avoid doing or saying anything which might give offense.

For the first time women were present as delegates to the convention and one of the number, Mrs. Alexander Long of Rock Hill, whose father was the late W. Blackburn Wilson, Esq., was honored by being elected to preside over the convention, but Mrs. Long asked to be excused, saying that she was inexperienced. Mrs. Long was afterwards elected a delegate to the State convention to be held in Columbia on May 17, as was Mrs. Louis Friedheim of Rock Hill, who was unanimously chosen a delegate-at-large. Both Mrs. Long and Mrs. Friedheim are understood to have stated that they will attend the convention.

Other than the adoption of a resolution indorsing the soldier bonus proposed by the American Legion for World War veterans, the rejection of a resolution, sent up from Beaufort county, calling upon the State convention to so modify the party rules that assessments may be laid by the county executive committees on candidates for State and Federal offices, the establishment of five voting precincts in Rock Hill to take the place of the two heretofore provided in that city and the creation of a new precinct at Beersheba school house, the convention restricted its activity largely to the transaction of routine business.

In the absence of J. A. Marion, Esq., county chairman, Dr. J. H. Saye called the convention to order. Dr. Saye was then chosen temporary chairman, with James D. Grist of York as temporary secretary. Later Mr. Grist was elected permanent secretary.

The committee on credentials, composed of one member from each club in the county, lost little time in making up the rolls of the committee was adopted without modification. Meanwhile the Rev. F. W. Gregg, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Rock Hill, had responded to an invitation to welcome the women who were attending officially their first county convention. In a pleasing short speech Dr. Gregg said the women could accomplish much in purifying the politics of the country and that in several of the larger cities they had already brought about better conditions by going to the polls and casting their ballots.

Following the declination of Mrs. Long to preside over the convention, Dr. Gregg was chosen by acclamation. J. A. Marion was then re-elected county chairman without opposition, after Rob Saye Riddle of Bethel township had nominated Senator J. S. Breece, who immediately said he would not serve. Dave L. Moss of Rock Hill then secured recognition and nominated Dr. L. J. Campbell of Clover for State executive committeeman. Dr. Campbell has heretofore served as a member of the State committee. The convention elected nine precinct delegates as follows to the State convention with an alternate for each, the last named being the alternate:

Bethel—A. H. Barnett, W. P. Whitson.
Bethesda—W. S. Percival, W. H. Dunlap.
Bullock's Creek—H. J. Sherer, J. C. Kirkpatrick.
Grand River—J. H. Saye, W. F.

ENCAMPMENT IN JULY.

Fort Mill Companies to Go to Camp Jackson.

The annual encampment of the 118th regiment, S. G. N. G., of which both the Fort Mill infantry company (Company G) and the Third battalion headquarters company located here are units, is to be held at Camp Jackson, Columbia, beginning July 16. The encampment will last 15 days and is expected to prove of great value to the militiamen. Last year the encampment of the regiment was held at Mount Pleasant, near Charleston. On account of the continued rains and the wet, soggy condition of the target ranges and the drill grounds, the encampment at Mount Pleasant was not the success militia officers had hoped for and at its close the adjutant general's department was quoted at saying the regiment would not again be ordered to that place for its annual encampment.

Conditions at Camp Jackson are considered all that could be desired for the encampment. There the regiment will use barracks and other buildings put up for the National army during the World war and will have access to the splendid rifle ranges and drill grounds at the camp. There also are other features at Camp Jackson which make it attractive as the place for the encampment of the regiment.

The Fort Mill infantry company, known locally as the Tom Hall Guards, is commanded by Capt. Frederick Nims, Jr., and is considered one of the most thoroughgoing units of the 118th regiment. The company was organized two years ago and now has a membership of about 100. Both officers and men display much interest in the organization and the weekly drills are well attended. W. M. Mack is first lieutenant of the company, Robert F. Grier, Jr., second lieutenant, and Robert Bennett first sergeant.

The Fort Mill section of the Third battalion headquarters company, of which W. H. Nims, first lieutenant, is commanding officer, although a young organization, having been mustered into the service less than six months ago, has in its ranks a number of ex-service men who will know just what is expected of them when they go into the encampment at Camp Jackson. The company is divided into two sections, half located in Fort Mill and half in Rock Hill, and has a membership of 40 men.

Dill.

Catawba—Erwin Carothers, V. B. McFadden.

Ebenezer—Mrs. Alexander Long, J. E. Wamsley.

Fort Mill—W. R. Bradford, A. L. Parks.

King's Mountain—J. C. Ford, T. P. Clinton.

York—James D. Grist, H. E. Neil.

After adopting the soldier bonus resolution, rejecting the one proposing an additional assessment on candidates for State and Federal offices, and providing for new voting precincts, the convention adjourned sine die.

Following the county convention, the county executive committee organized by the election of Dr. J. H. Saye as secretary. The members of the committee for the various clubs in the county are as follows: Bethel, B. R. Smith; Bethel, R. S. Riddle; Blairsville, H. J. Sherer; Bullock's Creek, J. C. Kirkpatrick; Catawba, S. W. Ferguson; Clover, J. E. Beamguard; Ebenezer, J. F. Williams; Filbert, J. Q. Hall; Forest Hill, S. S. Glenn; Fort Mill, S. H. Epps; Tirzah, J. M. Campbell; Hickory Grove, W. F. McGill; Hopewell, W. I. Howell; Leslie, D. P. Leslie; McConellsville, S. H. Love; Newport, J. A. McFadden; New Zion, A. E. Burns; Ogden, W. H. Dunlap; Rock Hill, No. 1, Erwin Carothers; Rock Hill, No. 2, W. M. Dunlap; Rock Hill, No. 3, V. Brown McFadden; Rock Hill, No. 4, W. B. Wilson; Aragon-Bluebuckle, F. B. Cotton; Sharon, J. H. Saye; Smyrna, C. G. Castles; York, No. 1, W. B. Keller; York, No. 2, J. Frank Faulkner.

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Items of General Interest Found in the Yorkville Enquirer.

Celery can be raised in York county as well as anywhere in the world. Neither the Michigan celery nor the Florida celery has a thing on the York county celery. But 90 per cent of the celery that is consumed in York county is brought in from elsewhere. Why do we not raise our own celery and have it fresh and good?

"Most people are not aware of it but about the only wild goats to be found in the upper part of the State, at least, are on one of the islands in the Catawba river at Great Falls," this morning said a gentleman to the reporter. Several hundred goats of the barnyard kind were placed on this island by a man a number of years ago. Since that time they have been left to themselves with the result that they have become quite wild.

"Believe me," said a candidate for treasurer of York county the other day, "the farmers of this county are not interested in politics, either county or State, just now. In fact, they are interested in nothing but the weather and are wondering when they are going to be able to get to work. I've been pretty nearly all over the county since I announced my candidacy and I have run across mighty few people who appeared to be interested in a discussion of politics."

After deliberating about 20 minutes the jury trying the case of John A. Neely of Anderson, administrator of the estate of the late Miss Ella J. Neely, against the Carolina and North-Western railroad returned a verdict for the defendant railroad late Friday evening. The plaintiff sought damages in the sum of \$50,000 for the death of his sister resulting from the collision of an automobile in which she was riding with Miss Mary Williams and others with a passenger train on the morning of March 17, 1921.

Mrs. Catherine Smith, last surviving niece of Gen. George Armstrong Custer, famous Indian fighter who with 1,100 United States soldiers met death at the hands of 9,000 Sioux Indians on Little Big Horn river, Montana, June 25, 1876, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Morton of Charlotte street, Yorkville, early Monday morning, following a long period of ill health. She was buried in Rose Hill cemetery Tuesday morning, following funeral services conducted by Rev. D. L. Hill, pastor of the First Baptist church of Yorkville. Mrs. Smith was 66 years of age and was born in Winchester, Tenn. Her mother was a sister of Gen. Custer.

Fort Mill Pensioners.

The annual appropriation of the State for Confederate pensions for veterans and the widows of veterans living in the Fort Mill community has been received by the First National Bank of Fort Mill and is now ready for payment in two classes, A and B, the former class receiving \$70 each and the latter \$48.16.

Class A—J. M. Armstrong, W. H. Armstrong, W. F. Boyd, Robert Burns, J. H. Colthrop, J. P. Epps, A. H. Merritt, Bowman Merritt, Mrs. Cynthia Abernathy, Mrs. Matilda M. Bayne, Mrs. Rebecca H. Mills, Mrs. D. L. Smith.

Class B—S. H. Epps, J. S. Kimbrell, C. C. Melville, B. Henry Massey, R. A. P. Merritt, J. C. Saville, K. Shannon, Jas. Spratt, Ira G. Smythe, Dallas Stephens, Robert S. Terrence, Mrs. Lucretia Alderson, Mrs. Mary Ardrey, Mrs. Ellen Bailes, E. J. Bennett, Mrs. M. M. Bennett, Mrs. Laura H. Drakeford, Mrs. Octavia Feltz, Mrs. Sarah E. Hancock, Mrs. Alice Irene Harris, Mrs. Eliza Johnson, Mrs. Bettie Kimbrell, Mrs. Mary B. McClelland, Mrs. Harriet Banks Mack, Mrs. M. A. Miller, Mrs. Alice Mall, Mrs. Susan Patterson, Mrs. Rebecca E. Shaw.

Dr. and Mrs. John M. Hutchinson and their children and Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Ott expect to leave Fort Mill Monday for a visit of ten days to points of interest in Florida. They will make the trip in Dr. Hutchinson's car.

GOOD POTATO BUSINESS.

Fork Association Secretary Makes Encouraging Report.

An encouraging report of the first year's operations of the Fork Potato Growers' association, organized by farmers of lower Fort Mill township last spring, has just been made by L. M. Massey, secretary. The purpose of the association is to grow, cure and market, sweet potatoes, and the report shows that while the business was undertaken on a modest scale it has nevertheless been a success and an additional storage house, larger than the original one, is now being built to take care of the 1922 crop. Practically all of the sales of the association last year were made in Fort Mill and Rock Hill. Nine hundred bushels were marketed to dealers in the two towns, besides 200 bushels which were sold to seedsmen. Winthrop college also was a good customer of the association. The average price obtained for the potatoes was \$1.50 per bushel.

The original storage house of the association has a capacity of 2,500 bushels. In this house last year were cured 1,800 crates of potatoes, each with a capacity of 11-4 bushels. This year there will be a marked increase in the acreage the members of the association put to potatoes and to cure the additional product a second storage house, with a capacity of 3,000 bushels, is now being erected, with still another house to accommodate 2,500 bushels in contemplation.

It is the intention of the Fork association to join the State Potato Growers' association as soon as the volume of its product is large enough to enable it to make carload shipments. The Porto Rico variety is grown exclusively by the association, and consumers testify to the superiority of the "cured" potato over that which is "banked."

C. S. Armstrong is president of the Fork association and to him the secretary gives much credit for the success of the enterprise. Mr. Armstrong says he is satisfied that potatoes are a more profitable crop than cotton under boll weevil conditions, even should the staple sell at 20 cents.

Freight Wreck at Ogden.

One of the worst wrecks in recent years in York county occurred Wednesday morning at Ogden, six miles south of Rock Hill, when an engine and 28 freight cars turned over and were piled in a tangled mass, killing the negro fireman and seriously injuring a negro brakeman.

The freight train was northbound and was making about 30 miles an hour. Engineer Pickling said he felt the engine rock and applied the brakes. The locomotive steadied and then plunged from the track. The cars composing the train piled one on the other commodities promiscuously, or commodities promiscuously. Four tank cars of gasoline were in the train and the impact broke the tanks loose from the trucks. Holes were torn in the tanks and the gasoline ran from them in numerous streams. Fortunately the wreckage did not catch fire. Passenger trains Nos. 27 and 32 transferred passengers at the wreck Wednesday afternoon. The track was cleared this morning and both northbound and southbound passenger trains passed on time.

Ten Cent Gasoline?

The Monroe Enquirer tells of the recent visit to that city of E. W. Stevens of New York, who is the inventor of "trioxylene." Stevens predicts, according to the Monroe paper, that within a year gasoline will sell for 10 cents a gallon as a result of his invention. According to his statement a plant in Louisville is now turning out 40,000 gallons of "trioxylene" a day and that it costs only 3 cents a gallon to produce it and that it is as good as gasoline for motor cars and will be sold as gasoline. "All the oil refiners will eventually, and very soon, in fact, be putting out the new motor fuel," Stevens said.

TURKS REGAIN THRACE.

Scourge of Mankind Again Given Foothold in Europe.

"Return to Turkey of a portion of eastern Thrace, as forecast in recent dispatches, to be added to Constantinople, at present the only European territory remaining to Turkey, recalls how Thrace has been constantly the shuttlecock to that city's battle-dore, whether its name were Byzantium, Constantinople or Stamboul," says a bulletin by the National Geographic society.

"Thrace has expanded and contracted down the ages as a desert pool does in rainy and dry seasons. To the ancient Greeks it was a huge area—the home of the 'North Wind'—comprising all of the eastern half of the Turkey of pre-Balkan wars, days and practically the whole of Bulgaria as well. To the Romans of the west it was only the portion south of the Balkans, and to the Byzantines it was once as extensive as Greece and later a small, intimate region stretching westward from the capital.

"The Turks may well take heart at regaining control of eastern Thrace, for the replacing of this region under their control cannot fail to recall the happenings of nearly 600 years ago. The first Turks to live on the European side of the straits were brought over by one of the decadent rulers of the Eastern empire before 1350 as mercenary soldiers to fight against his Bulgarian and Serbian enemies in Thrace. These Asiatics, through their military operations, became thoroughly familiar with Thrace and even Macedonia. In order that he might have his hired soldiers close at hand, Emperor John VI committed the final folly of bringing their families over and establishing a military colony in Thrace. They never returned to Asia.

"Eastern Thrace—the same region which it is now proposed to return to Turkey—was the 'inch' which in the next few hundred years Turks built into the 'ell' of their great European empire, at one time extending over the whole Balkan peninsula and almost to the gates of Vienna. Queerly enough, however, the Turkish empire in Europe grew to embrace all Thrace and Bulgaria before it absorbed Constantinople. For more than a century the Byzantine empire was little more than the city of Constantinople, but it hung on with its imperial luxury chiefly because of its prestige while the Turkish mushroom grew about it. During this period Adrianople in Thrace was the Turkish capital. Finally the impetuous Mohammed II became sultan and determined to put an end to the fiction of the Byzantine empire. He captured Constantinople in 1453.

"Thrace as the term has been interpreted since the World war, is like a deformed pear with two tapering stem ends. The central bulge lies north of the roots of the Gallipoli peninsula. The eastern narrow end lies between the black sea and the Sea of Marmora; the western end is squeezed between the Aegean sea and the Bulgarian border, which dips far southward there. The Treaty of Sevres, which attempted to dispose of the Turkish empire, gave Greece all of Thrace except a little section across the eastern stem, including Constantinople and its immediate environs. Greece was thus to own the whole European coast of the Sea of Marmora and a coast line of 50 miles on the Black sea.

"Under the proposed change the European frontier of Turkey would run not across the narrow peninsula near Constantinople, but some 75 miles farther west, just eastward of the deep central bulge of Thrace. Turkey would thus regain a European territory of some 3,000 square miles, more than half the European coast of the Sea of Marmora, and the entire European Black Sea coast south of the Bulgarian border. But the alteration of the treaty would not restore the straits to Turkey. These waters, as important perhaps as

STATE GOES OVER.

Cooperative Cotton Association Assured for South Carolina.

Over 400,000 bales of cotton were signed to the cotton cooperative marketing contract by May 1 and the organization of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association is now assured. Announcement to this effect was made at the headquarters of the association in Columbia Monday night.

A total of 408,000 bales had been signed by Saturday night, April 29, and reports from over the State indicated that between 10,000 and 15,000 bales were signed Monday, so that approximately 425,000 bales have been signed in all, but it will be several days before the tabulation is completed.

Announcement that the quota of bales for the State had been secured was gratifying to the large number of workers and farmers interested in the campaign. There also was much interest in the campaign in other States and many telegrams were received at the headquarters of the association from North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Alabama, and other States in the cotton belt which have already either organized for the cooperative marketing of the staple or are in the process of organization.

The latest reports obtainable indicate that there were about 17,000 bales of cotton signed up in York county in the cooperative campaign which closed Monday. The quota for the county was about 1,200 bales less than the 17,000. In Fort Mill township something like 1,000 bales, or one-third the normal crop, was pledged to the cooperative marketing association.

Now Fort Mill Citizen.

Fort Mill gained a valued citizen Tuesday when Capt. Elliott White Springs moved from Lancaster into the old White mansion, the home of his maternal ancestors for the greater part of the last century, having been built by his great-grandfather, the late Col. Wm. E. White, in 1832. The building presents a decidedly different appearance today to what it did some months ago, however, when workmen began converting it into one of the most modern homes to be found in this section. When it was occupied by Capt. Springs for the first time this week he found both the interior and exterior of the building practically complete, although there is yet considerable work to be done on the grounds and the swimming pool, a short distance away. The improvements recently made to the home by Capt. Springs represent an expenditure of several thousand dollars.

Moore Held in Asheville?

A man thought to be Frank Moore, who escaped from the county chaingang two years ago while serving a ten year sentence for complicity in killing Policeman T. R. Penning of Sharon, has just been arrested in Asheville, N. C., and is being held pending identification. Sheriff Quinn is in communication with the Asheville authorities and will send a deputy there to identify the suspect if further facts appear to warrant.

High School Honor Roll.

The honor roll of the Fort Mill high school for the month of April is as follows:

Sixth Grade—Mary Garrison, Finley Lee, Garland Dyches, John Bennett.

Seventh Grade—Faulkner Parks.

Ninth Grade—Mamie Lee Phillips.

Tenth Grade—Stephen Parks, Allan Parks, Earle Steele.

Better to be square, young man, than a rounder.

any in the world, would remain under international control; the Gallipoli peninsula, commanding the Dardanelles, would continue to be occupied by international forces, and international garrisons would be placed along the new and longer frontier between Turkey and Greece."